

(c) **ROLE IN PRIORITIZING CERTAIN RESEARCH.**—The Crisis Management Team shall cooperate with the Advisory Board in the prioritization of agricultural research conducted or funded by the Department regarding animal health, natural disasters, food safety, and other agricultural issues.

(d) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretary shall seek to enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal departments and agencies that have related programs or activities to help ensure consistent, accurate, and coordinated dissemination of information throughout the executive branch in the event of a crisis, such as, in the case of a threat to human health from food-borne pathogens, developing a rapid and coordinated response among the Department, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Food and Drug Administration.

**SEC. 619. DESIGNATION OF KIKA DE LA GARZA SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER, WESLACO, TEXAS.**

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—The Federal facilities located at 2413 East Highway 83, and 2301 South International Boulevard, in Weslaco, Texas, and known as the “Subtropical Agricultural Research Center”, shall be known and designated as the “Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Center”.

(b) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal facilities referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Center”.

**Subtitle C—Studies**

**SEC. 631. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

(a) **EVALUATION.**—The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a performance evaluation to determine whether federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multistate significance.

(b) **CONTRACT.**—The Secretary shall enter into a contract with 1 or more entities with expertise in research assessment and performance evaluation to provide input and recommendations to the Secretary with respect to federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs.

(c) **GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT.**—The contractor selected under subsection (b) shall develop and propose to the Secretary practical guidelines for measuring performance of federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs. The guidelines shall be consistent with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-62) and amendments made by that Act.

**SEC. 632. STUDY OF FEDERALLY FUNDED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION.**

(a) **STUDY.**—Not later than January 1, 1999, the Secretary of Agriculture shall request the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of the role and mission of federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The study shall—  
(1) evaluate the strength of science conducted by the Agricultural Research Service and the relevance of the science to national priorities;

(2) examine how the work of the Agricultural Research Service relates to the capacity of the agricultural research, extension, and education system of the United States;

(3) examine the appropriateness of the formulas for the allocation of funds under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) and the Hatch Act of 1887 (7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.) with respect to current conditions of the agricultural economy and other factors of the

various regions and States of the United States and develop recommendations to revise the formulas to more accurately reflect the current conditions; and

(4) examine the system of competitive grants for agricultural research, extension, and education.

(c) **REPORTS.**—The Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry of the Senate—

(1) not later than 18 months after the commencement of the study, a report that describes the results of the study as it relates to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b), including any appropriate recommendations; and

(2) not later than 3 years after the commencement of the study, a report that describes the results of the study as it relates to paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (b), including the recommendations developed under paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and other appropriate recommendations.

**Subtitle D—Senses of Congress**

**SEC. 641. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE EMPHASIS ON FIELD RESEARCH REGARDING METHYL BROMIDE ALTERNATIVES.**

It is the sense of Congress that, of the Agricultural Research Service funds made available for a fiscal year for research regarding the development for agricultural use of alternatives to methyl bromide, the Secretary of Agriculture should use a substantial portion of the funds for research to be conducted in real field conditions, especially pre-planting and post-harvest conditions, so as to expedite the development and commercial use of methyl bromide alternatives.

**SEC. 642. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL-BASED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Education should collaborate and cooperate in providing both instructional and technical support for school-based agricultural education.

And the House agree to the same.

ROBERT SMITH,  
LARRY COMBEST,  
BILL BARRETT,  
CHARLES W. STENHOLM,  
CALVIN DOOLEY,

*Managers on the Part of the House.*

RICHARD G. LUGAR,  
THAD COCHRAN,  
PAUL D. COVERDELL,  
TOM HARKIN,  
PATRICK LEAHY,

*Managers on the Part of the Senate.*

¶52.16 POINT OF ORDER

Pending consideration of said conference report,

Mr. SOLOMON made a point of order against consideration of the conference report under section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and said:

“Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 426 of the Congressional Budget Act, the language on which this point of order is premised is contained in section 502 of subtitle A of title 5, ‘Reductions in payments for Administrative Costs for Food Stamps’ of the conference report.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, responded to the point of order and said:

“The gentleman from New York makes a point of order that the con-

ference report violates section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and according to section 426(b)(2) of the Act, the gentleman must specify the precise language of his objection in the conference report on which he predicates this point of order.

“Having met this threshold burden, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) and a Member opposed will control 10 minutes of debate. Pursuant to section 426(b)(3) of the Act and after debate, the Chair will put the question of consideration, to wit: Will the House now consider the conference report?”

After debate,

The question being put, viva, voce,

Will the House now consider said conference report?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, announced that the nays had it.

Mr. STENHOLM objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas ..... 324  
Nays ..... 91

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[Roll No. 203]

YEAS—324

Abercrombie	Conyers	Gutknecht
Ackerman	Cook	Hall (OH)
Aderholt	Cooksey	Hall (TX)
Allen	Costello	Hamilton
Andrews	Cox	Hansen
Bachus	Coyne	Hastings (FL)
Baessler	Cramer	Hayworth
Baker	Cummings	Hefner
Baldacci	Danner	Hill
Ballenger	Davis (FL)	Hilleary
Barcia	Davis (IL)	Hilliard
Barrett (NE)	Davis (VA)	Hinojosa
Barrett (WI)	DeFazio	Hobson
Bateman	DeGette	Hoekstra
Becerra	Delahunt	Holden
Bentsen	DeLauro	Hooley
Bereuter	Deutsch	Horn
Berman	Diaz-Balart	Houghton
Berry	Dickey	Hulshof
Bishop	Dicks	Hunter
Blagojevich	Dingell	Hutchinson
Blumenauer	Dixon	Hyde
Blunt	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Boehlert	Dooley	Jackson-Lee
Boehner	Doyle	(TX)
Bonilla	Dunn	Jefferson
Bonior	Edwards	Jenkins
Bono	Ehlers	John
Borski	Emerson	Johnson (CT)
Boswell	Eshoo	Johnson (WI)
Boucher	Etheridge	Johnson, E. B.
Boyd	Evans	Kanjorski
Brady (PA)	Everett	Kaptur
Brady (TX)	Ewing	Kasich
Brown (CA)	Farr	Kelly
Brown (FL)	Fattah	Kennedy (MA)
Brown (OH)	Fazio	Kennedy (RI)
Bunning	Filner	Kennelly
Burton	Foley	Kildee
Buyer	Forbes	Kilpatrick
Callahan	Ford	Kim
Calvert	Fox	Kind (WI)
Camp	Franks (NJ)	King (NY)
Campbell	Frelinghuysen	Klecza
Canady	Frost	Klink
Capps	Ganske	Klug
Cardin	Gejdenson	Knollenberg
Carson	Gekas	Kolbe
Castle	Gephardt	Kucinich
Chambliss	Gilchrest	LaFalce
Christensen	Goodling	LaHood
Clay	Gordon	Lampson
Clayton	Graham	Lantos
Clement	Granger	Latham
Clyburn	Green	LaTourette
Combest	Gutierrez	Lazio